

Meeting Date: 10/18/2012 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 13-2 (Ground Transportation) by adding a new Subpart H to Article 2 (Ground Transportation Services Other than Taxicabs) to provide for special events permits for limousine, charter services, shuttles and airport shuttles.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In January 2012, Austin Transportation Department staff initiated discussion with ground transportation stakeholders, and designed a process to allow temporary vehicle-for-hire permits for limousine and charter providers to accommodate an increase in demand during large scale special events.

The process would temporarily permit limousines, charter vehicles, and chauffeurs, to operate during peak demand special events. The process would require out-of-town providers to seek sponsorship from currently permitted local providers.

The Urban Transportation Commission reviewed the proposed recommendations on August 14, 2012. The Commission recommended staff consider allowing temporary sponsorship of current City of Austin licensed chauffeurs and also consider instituting a fee for expediting requests. In addition the commission recommended staff clearly define parameters required to enact this process. Staff has acted on all Commission recommendations.